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December 2, 2003

Commissioner Kevin K. Wright
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol
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Re: 2003 Rate Case – Consumer Illinois Water – Kankakee, Illinois

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Sincerely,

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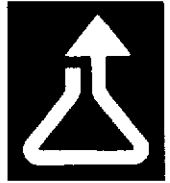
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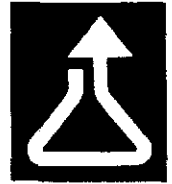
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October 29, 2003

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: 2003 Rate Case – Consumer Illinois Water - Kankakee, Illinois

Dear Administrative Law Judge Ian Brodsky:

I am the plant manager for Rohm and Haas Company's Kankakee, Illinois plant. We employ 65 employees who earn over \$4.2 million per year in wages and benefits. In addition, we purchase another \$5.5 million per year in goods and services from vendors and contractors in our area. This \$9.7 million, plus our property taxes and donations in the community, are directly infused into the local economy. The turning of these dollars in our community contributes significantly to its economic survival. As you are probably aware, this community has suffered significant loss of industry and jobs over the years and has an unemployment rate of 7.4%, which is well above the national average.

Our plant continues to face rising costs on almost every front – some of which are wages, salaries, healthcare, taxes, fees, natural gas, raw materials, supplies, repair materials and contractor costs. At the same time, we face stiff competition from outside our state that threatens our ability to survive, grow, and maintain or create jobs. We produce water-based polymers for use in paints and other coatings. Water is a major component both in our products and in the manufacturing process.

Our business climate does not allow us to pass on all of the cost increases that we receive. As such, we must continually find ways to offset these increases. Often the cost is either the loss of jobs that could have been or jobs that we can no longer afford. Just last year, my company had to close an entire plant in a nearby town in order to offset rising costs. This resulted in a loss of about \$10 million of jobs, goods, and services in that community.

If the ICC staff's recommendation is accepted, it will result in a 27% increase in our cost of water. At the same time, residential service would see an increase of 15%. This type of significant increase in costs would require us to find other ways to reduce costs.

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Please convey to the ICC and its staff the serious nature of the proposed rates and the need to balance the cost of any rate increase equitably. Therefore, it is our request that any rate increase that is granted to Consumer Illinois Water be equally implemented across residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Respectfully,



Gary McFarlin

Plant Manager

Rohm and Haas Company

cc: Mayor Don Green, City of Kankakee, Illinois
David Hinderliter, Kankakee River Valley Chamber of Commerce
Michael Finnegan, Kankakee County Economic Development Council

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Illinois Commerce Commission
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RE: 2003 Rate Case

Dear Administrative Law Judge Ian Brodsky:

Commissioner
Mary Frances Squires

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It is the position of the Kankakee County Economic Development Council Board of Directors to support Consumers Illinois Water's proposed rate increase at a level increase across the board to both industrial customers and residential customers. We feel that a level, across the board increase would not penalize the industrial customers.

We thank you for conveying our position to the ICC Staff.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Finnegan

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Illinois Commerce Commission
Springfield, IL 62706

Mr. Edward C Hurley, ICC Commissioner
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
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RE: 2003 Rate Case

Dear Mr. Hurley,

It has been noted through the media and public meetings Consumers Illinois Water had filed for a potential rate increase this past Spring with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). It has been our understanding that the rate increase would be approximately 20% and this would be applied to **all** customer classes. It has come to our attention recently that the ICC Staff is recommending that the increase to the Industrial customer class should be 27% while the Residential customer class should increase by 15%. It is difficult for us to imagine what could cause such a large shift from the last rate case, in which the ICC Staff also performed a cost of service study. How could the study in the last case have been so wrong?

As the membership of the Kankakee County Association of REALTORS we are involved in commercial as well as residential properties. We believe that a 27% increase for Industrial users would put an unfair burden on business and that our area would neither attract new business nor retain current business with the proposed rate increases. These increases would hurt business customers and residential customers alike, as our area could lose jobs which would affect the people in our area who depend on these industries for their livelihood.

I appreciate your conveying the serious ramifications of this proposal to the ICC Staff.

Very truly yours,

Connie Legris

Connie Legris
Executive Officer

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December 2, 2003

Commissioner Mary Frances Squires
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Commissioner Squires:

Attached is a copy of my October 29, 2003 testimony before the Illinois Commerce Commission hearing regarding the rate increase sought by Consumer Illinois Water. Since the information I presented was verbal, I believe it would be beneficial for all that you have in writing the information I presented.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at my place of business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dom", with a large, stylized initial "D" and a flourish.

Dominic J. Randazzo
Manager, Community & Government Relations

DJR/dlh

Attachment

ICC HEARING

CONSUMER ILLINOIS WATER RATE INCREASE

OCTOBER 29, 2003

I Introduction Dominic J Randazzo

II Aventis Behring

**A. Largest Industrial Employer for
Kankakee County with 1,000
employees**

B. Annual payroll of \$76 Million

C. Community Leader Active:

- 1) United Way**
- 2) Easter Seals**
- 3) Arthritis Foundation**

- 4) Hemophilia Foundation of IL**
- 5) Indian Oaks Academy**
- 6) March of Dimes**
- 7) American Cancer Association –
Relay for Life**
- 8) Christmas in April**

D. Second largest user of Consumer IL

**E. My purpose in speaking is for parity
in the rate increase we will be
charged**

**F. Based on our usage, the ICC
proposed increase of 27% would
increase our cost of water an
additional \$27,000 more than the
proposed 17% increase.**

**G. Business, is the fall guy for the budget
deficit in Springfield. It cannot
continue.**

**H. During 2003 our state has increased
the taxes for business by \$1.3 billion.**

- **Business fees have increased by 330 million.**
- **Minimum wage increased 562 million.**
- **Total increase of doing business in IL \$2.2 billion**

These new fees and taxes have directly resulted in lost jobs.

The US Bureau of Labor statistics reports that 2.4 million manufacturing jobs were lost since the beginning of the recession. During that time, Illinois lost more than 140,400 manufacturing jobs or one in every six jobs in this sector.

Since January 2002, 36,400 manufacturing jobs lost. In January 2003, Illinois lost 9,800 manufacturing jobs and 3,100 since the start of July.

If we continue to lose jobs, lose businesses, then the citizens and residential customers will need to make up the taxes lost from business.

Business cannot and should not be the victim of more expenses to operate.

If an increase is forthcoming then it should be equal and across the board.

Thank you!

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Village of Grant Park

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Re: 2003 Rate Case

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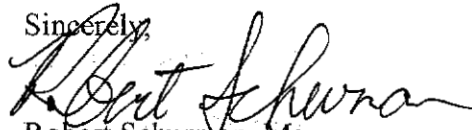
It has been noted through the media and public meetings that Consumers Water has filed for a potential rate increase this past Spring with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). While none of us like rate increases, we all must admit that the costs for operations, maintenance, and improvements to the Consumers Water system are raising.

I feel that whatever rate the ICC decides on, should be spread equally across the Residential and Industrial customer classes. That would keep the declining rate schedule for Industrial users intact. The declining rate schedule is needed to retain and entice Industry. If the rate increase is shifted more to the Industrial users, the declining rate schedule would effectively be eliminated.

As Mayor of the Village of Grant Park, our water system and customer base was recently acquired by Consumers Water Company. In exchange for the pipeline being run to our community. Prior to the acquisition we too had a declining rate schedule for Industrial users, just as Consumers Water does. Years ago our community saw the need for this, and the need still exists today.

I would appreciate your conveying the seriousness of this proposal to the ICC Staff responsible for it.

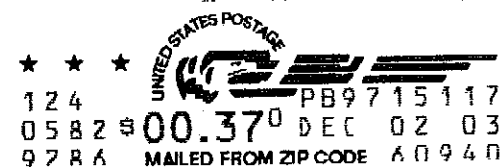
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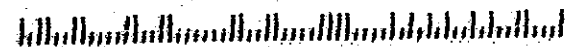
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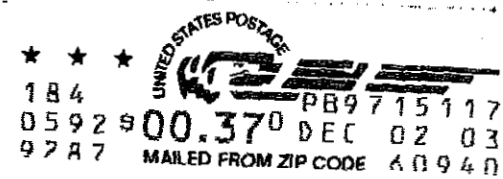
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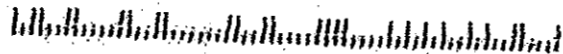
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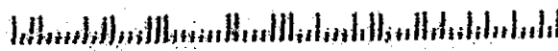
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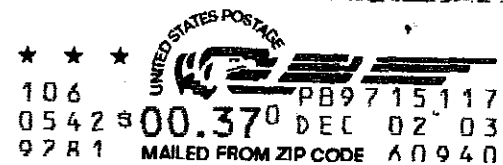
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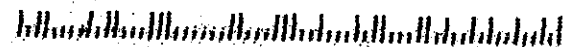
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ICC Petition

Consumers Water of Illinois)
Docket # 03-0403)

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OUTRAGE a Citizens Group

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November 19, 2003

Petition In Front of the Illinois Commerce Commission

The attached information is filed as preliminary arguments in opposition to the requested 24.14% rate increase by Consumers Water of Illinois Company.

Submitted via US Mail on the 13th day of November, 2003 to Ian Brodsky, administrative law judge and to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL, 62701 and to the individual Illinois Commerce Commissioners.

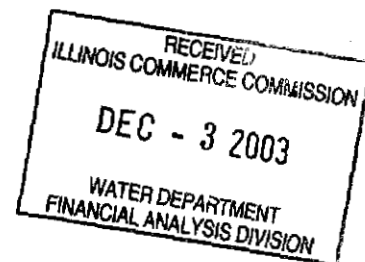
The attached request to alter the rate granting process is the result of investigations into the rationale presented in support of a requested 24.14% rate increase by Consumers Illinois Water Corporation and disclosures made during public meetings of September 23, 2003 and October 25th, 2003. In addition, information given to OUTRAGE by a source close to the water company and in possession of the water company's intended rate increase strategy, was considered

The information, contained herein should be treated as an addendum to our petition of October 13th, 2003

Submitted by:

Keith L Runyon

Keith L Runyon, Executive Director of OUTRAGE
1165 Plum Creek Drive, Unit D. Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Docket Number 03-0403

Consumers Water Company rate increase request.

Consumers plan to increase water rates with continual investment overlays.

As previously, discussed Consumers local rate strategy is overlay non-sun setting investments on top of each other in order to achieve a goal of \$75 per month per household for water.

Two years ago they received an increase of 16.8% based upon some investments.

After Consumers recovers their investment, the rate increase granted based upon their investment will not sunset.

Next year they, if granted their request of 24.14%, they will have received a large rate increase which also will not sunset after investment recovery.

Over a three year period, local rates will have increased by a compounded total of 44%.

This 44% increase will go on in perpetuity.

In a year or two Consumers will ask for another rate increase based on a new round of investments. Whatever that request is, if granted will result in yet another rate increase which will not sunset after recovery of that investment.

Because the ICC formula does not sunset rate increases based upon infrastructure investments, users are subjected to overly costly water charges.

OUTRAGE respectfully requests the Commission change its formula for rate increases based on investments in plant and equipment, to sunset all such rate increases at the end of the final year of the investment recovery period of each rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration of the very important issue.

Sincerely,

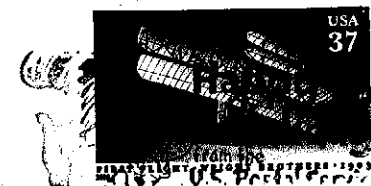


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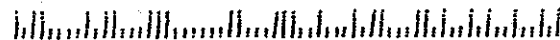
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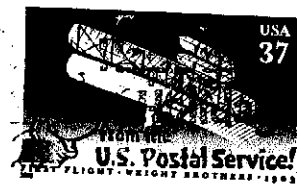


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October 29, 2003

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capital Avenue
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Re.: Consumers Illinois Water Company – 2004 Rate Increase

Dear Administrative Law Judge Ian Brodsky:

It has been noted through the media and public meetings that Consumers Illinois Water has filed for a potable water rate increase this past spring with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). It has been our understanding the proposed rate increase would be approximately 20 % and this would apply to all customer classes. Recently, we were informed the ICC Staff has recommended the increase to the Industrial customer class, which includes Cognis Corporation, should be 27 % while the Residential customer class should increase by only 15 %. While we do not support such a precipitous rise in rates, we believe any imposition of higher rates should be fair. It does not cost more to provide water to industry than it does to residences. Additionally, the jobs we provide make many residential users capable of paying their individual water rates.

You and your Staff should be aware of the contribution that Cognis Corporation makes to the Kankakee area economy. Currently we employ approximately 300 people and use large amounts of water in our Manufacturing processes. We are competing in a global economy and presently are not able to pass on any cost increase to our customers. Therefore, any increase in potable water costs will require that other Plant expenses be reduced including outside services, contractors, and employee reduction. Cutting these expense categories will negatively affect Kankakee's already high unemployment level. Lastly, the Cognis Kankakee facility will be less attractive for future Capital investments.

I appreciate your conveying our grave concern to the ICC Staff.

Very truly yours,

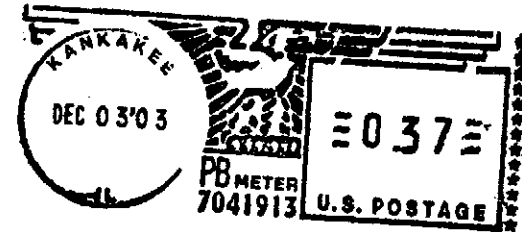
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Dennis R. Ohlmansiek
Operations Director
Cognis Kankakee Plant

Cc: Edward C. Hurley
ICC Commissioner

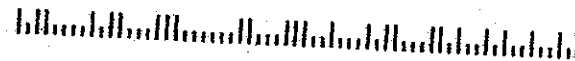


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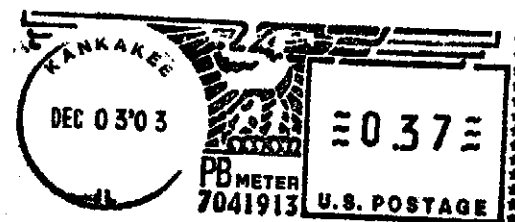
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LORI GADBOIS

October 29, 2003

Administrative Law Judge Ian Brodsky
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Consumer Illinois Water Company tariffs seeking general increase in water rates for Kankakee Water Division. Case #03-0403.

Dear Sir:

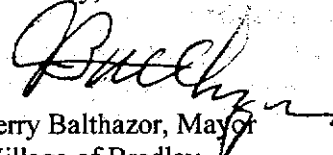
Consumers Illinois Water Company ("Consumers") provides water service to the area in and around the Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois (the "Village"). As you know, pursuant to this matter before the Commerce Commission, Consumers is seeking to increase the water rates for its customers.

The Village of Bradley believes it is appropriate to state its position with respect to proposed increases in rates in general. The Village believes any potential increase in rates is something that requires careful consideration by the requesting utility, the local community and the Commerce Commission. At the same time, the Village understands and supports the continued growth of the Bradley area. This is relevant because the growth of the area relies in part on the continual improvement and enhancement of Consumers' infrastructure and facilities.

With respect to this proposed rate increase, the Village has considered this issue from the perspective of what is best for the people of Bradley, now and in the future. The Village is a community of over 12,000 residents. In recent years, the Village has experienced significant commercial growth. In order to ensure the feasibility of such commercial and industrial growth in the Village, the Village believes that Consumers must ensure its infrastructure can sustain and support both the significant future residential growth in the Village and the potential future commercial and industrial growth. Additionally, while not directly related to this issue, the Village is always concerned about the creation of quality jobs in and around the Village. In order to ensure there are future jobs created in and around the Village, the Village believes Consumers' infrastructure must be able to service potential future growth in the commercial and industrial sector.

In conclusion, the Village of Bradley urges the Commerce Commission to consider these points in relation to the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

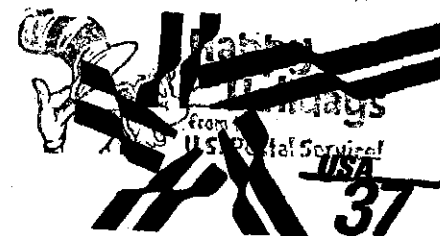


Jerry Balthazor, Mayor
Village of Bradley

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VILLAGE OF BRADLEY
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



COMMISSIONER MARY FRANCES SQUIRES
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
527 E. CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62701

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Donald E. Green
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October 29, 2003

Administrative Law Judge Ian Brodsky
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capital Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: 2003 Rate Case - Consumers Illinois Water Company

Dear Judge Brodsky:

The City of Kankakee was put on notice that Consumers Illinois Water Company is seeking to increase the water rates for its customers. They, at the present time, provide water service to this city and many of the surrounding communities in Kankakee County.

The City of Kankakee believes a rate increase to our consumers should be researched carefully by the company making that request and the Illinois Commerce Commission. One of the principal concerns of any community is the continued growth of not only residential properties, but industrial expansion and growth. In order for that growth to continue, the continued improvement and enhancement of Consumers Illinois Water Companies infrastructure and facilities must occur.

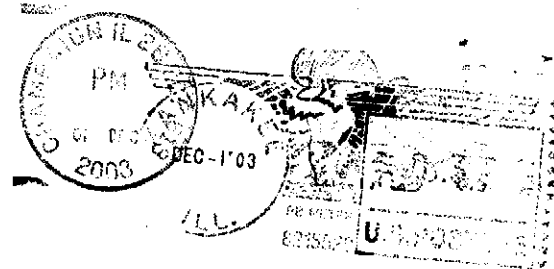
The City of Kankakee has a concern that Consumers Illinois Water Company must have the ability to provide reliable service to our residential and commercial users. We know that in order to accomplish that task this utility must upgrade its current infrastructure. That means investing more in its plant on Cobb Blvd. and its storage and underground delivery system. Without those investments, this raises a concern about the reliability of the water system.

While no one likes to see a general rate increase, the City believes that in order to continue with the growth in our area, we need to look at creation of new jobs and housing for our community. The City of Kankakee encourages the Illinois Commerce Commission to consider the above points in reaching a decision on the rate increase.

Sincerely yours,

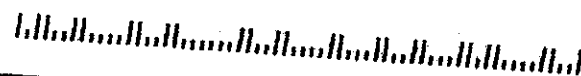


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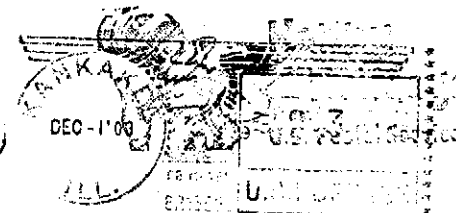
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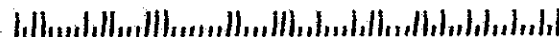


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